

Media release

Positive growth for June

2010

Newcastle Airport has recorded strong passenger growth in June compared with the same period last year. This is despite the aviation industry's slow recovery from the recent global economic downturn.

Passenger figures for June 2010 were 88,934, representing a 5.7% increase when compared to 2009's figure of 84,108. The figure also exceeds Newcastle Airport's own forecast for June 2010, which was 87,321.

Newcastle Airport CEO, Paul Hughes, said that this was a great result in uncertain economic times.

"It has been a difficult past 12 months for the aviation industry and it is reassuring to see positive signs of growth reflected in our passenger statistics," said Paul.

Factors including State of Origin and the June long-weekend have contributed to Newcastle Airport's buoyant result for June.

In July, Newcastle Airport is hoping to see further passenger growth with Jetstar increasing its services to the Gold Coast with double-daily flights, which commenced on Wednesday. The July school holidays are also expected to impact positively on passenger numbers during July.

Paul said that overall, Newcastle Airport was pleased with its steady growth in passenger numbers and increased services. "Newcastle Airport expects over 1.1 million passengers to pass through the terminal this year. A positive result for June places us well in ensuring we achieve our targets for 2010."

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